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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL PARTICIPATION AND AUSTRALIAN PURCHASES UNDER FMS

- 1. AT RECENT DISCUSSIONS HOSTED BY ADOD WITH SECNAV MIDDENDORF, AMBASSADOR HARGROVE AND THEIR STAFFS, THE SECRETARY OF DEFENCE AND DEPUTY SECRETARY C, AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE, MADE FREQUENT REFERENCE TO QUOTE PREFERRED STATUS OF NATO IN FMS AND OFFSET ISSUES. END QUOTE. SECDEF ADOD ASKED QUOTE HOW DO WE GET THE SAME STATUS AS NATO? WE NEED TO COME BACK TO PARITY WITH NATO. FOR EXAMPLE WE UNDERSTAND NATO IS NOT SUBJECT TO \$7 MILLION AND \$25 MILLION CRITERIA. END QUOTE.
- 2. REQUEST WE BE ADVISED OF SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF SUCH PREFERRED STATUS, IF INDEED NATO DOES ENJOY A PREFERRED STATUS.
- 3. ALSO REQUEST WE BE ADVISED OF SUGGESTED ACTION TO QUOTE RETURN AUSTRALIA TO PARITY WITH NATO. END QUOTE. HARGROVE

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